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Lane takes his best shot

Lawyer zeroes in on Hunt in libel case

Miami (UPI)—Lawyer Mark Lane, defending a tabloid charged with libeling convicted Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt, today puts his conspiracy theory of John F. Kennedy's assassination to a court test.

The Spotlight, a Washington-based weekly published by the ultra-right-wing Liberty Lobby, alleged in 1978 that Hunt was in Dallas when the President was shot and hinted that Hunt had a part in the assassination.

The story was written by former CIA agent Victor Marchetti and claimed that a 1966 CIA memo placed Hunt in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, and linked him to the assassination.

HUNT, WHO served 32 months for his Watergate conviction and was paroled in February 1977, sued The Spotlight for libel and won a \$650,000 judgment in 1981.

The weekly won a new trial because of flaws in a judge's charge to the jury.

Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," which criticized the Warren Commission's assassination report, will defend The Spotlight.

He said that he would produce evidence that the CIA was involved in the Kennedy assassination on Nov. 22, 1963. Lane said his principal witness will be Marita Lorenz, former mistress of Fidel Castro.

Lane said that Lorenz will testify that she drove from Miami to Dallas with Lee Harvey Oswald, Frank Sturgis and several anti-Castro Cubans the day before Kennedy was shot.

Sturgis also was to become involved in the Watergate burglary.

LORENZ ALSO will testify, Lane said, that she met Hunt while in Dallas.

Lane said that he intends to prove during the trial that Marchetti's published report on Hunt was true.

In the first trial, the defense was unable to produce the CIA memo on which Marchetti allegedly based his article.